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## **Smokejumper Obituary**

### **Pursley, George W. "Walter" (Missoula 1944)**

Walter died December 17, 2015, in Fort Meyers, Florida. He was born March 8, 1925, in Irvington, N.J. and moved to Milburn (NJ) at an early age. Walter was a member of the Christadelphian faith and entered Civilian Public Service in 1943. He was assigned to several camps before reporting to CPS-103 for smokejumper training. Walter jumped the 1944 season and made seven training and two fire jumps.

After his discharge in 1946, he attended and graduated with a university degree in Business. Walter worked for Chubb & Son Insurance Co. for his entire career and retired to Fort Meyers in 2000.

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